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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AND BROWNFIELDS

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Ms. Karen Crumlish (3LC50)
Office of State Programs
Land and Chemicals Division
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 3
1650 Arch Street
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Dear Ms. Crumlish:

Thank you for sharing the information regarding EPA's new *Policy to Assure Competency of Laboratories, Field Sampling, and Other Organizations Generating Environmental Measurement Data under Agency-funded Acquisitions*.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) assures EPA that we will comply with the new policy as we move forward with our Leaking Underground Storage Tank Prevention and Cleanup grants during FFY 2014-2016. Specifically, PADEP will maintain an EPA-approved Quality Management Plan. Both grant work plans already include language making this commitment. Also, please consider the following statement as an amendment to both grant work plans:

"The work being conducted under this grant is similar to work conducted under previous grants."

Please let us know if there is any additional documentation you need from PADEP to assure compliance with the new policy. Should you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at ghartenste@pa.gov or by telephone at 717.783.3006.

Sincerely,

George Hartenstein
Director
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